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Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst That Cannot Fail to Interest.

The San Diego Tobacco Growers' association has been organized.

A submarine telegraph line is to be constructed to Terminal island.

The Rialto district has voted to raise \$3000 to build an electric pumping plant.

Col. Robert Sudden has completed a warehouse at Ventura of 60,000 bags capacity.

Apples sold in the Los Angeles market are reported covered with the San Jose scale.

New Mexican cattle can now be sold at prices three times higher than were obtained three years ago.

Seventy-nine arrests were made in Los Angeles on Monday for violating the new hitching ordinance.

Track laying on the Westminster extension of the Santa Ana and Newport railroad has been completed.

Nearly 100 tons of grain are being shipped twice each week from San Pedro harbor to San Francisco.

San Diego physicians are puzzled over the case of a 13-year-old boy who sees letters transposed in his school books.

The Southern California Power company has laid off 350 laborers. The big tunnel is expected to be completed by February 1.

Highland claims to have made the first shipment of citrus fruit this season on October 23, consisting of a carload of seedling oranges.

Several benevolently inclined people at Pasadena are making arrangements to endow three beds in the local hospital for the use of destitute sick people.

The Santa Ana sewer plans have been changed so that the main line pipe will be 12 instead of 10 inches. The system will be 99,330 feet and will cost about \$60,000.

The annual streak of energy has taken hold of the Indians in the mountains, and big parties of them are gathering acorns from which their winter's supply of flour is made.

The Santa Fe road houses, freight stations and other buildings will be painted shortly. The good work has begun already at Pasadena, North Pomona and other stations along the line.

The P. & L. A. electric railway is preparing a 45-minute service between this city and Pasadena. The new 500 horse power engine and generator have been contracted for the quicker service at a cost of \$30,000.

J. S. Torrance is in charge as receiver and manager of the Mt. Lowe railway. He takes the place of the three Los Angeles receivers recently discharged by order of court. Alpine Tavern is to be immediately closed.

Six of the Mammoth Tank rioters have been released from custody, four having been held for trial. Deputy United States Marshal Wilder, who was wounded in the desert battle, is still in a serious condition.

Miss Isabelle Chapman, a San Bernardino girl visiting New Orleans, died October 28 of yellow fever. Miss Chapman was formerly society editor of the Kaleidoscope of San Bernardino, and an unusually bright young woman.

Escondido's two mills are now in full operation. One is grinding out a first-class grade of flour, the other (at the mines) is turning out gold. It is not often that a gold stamp mill and a flour grist mill are found within sound of each other, as in Escondido.

The Escondido Landowners' Protective association has been formed for testing the validity of irrigation bonds. It is charged that the \$350,000 bond issue of the district was not legally made and the validity of the securities is to be questioned in the court.

Chas. Demetrius of Barstow has been awarded damages in the sum of \$299.99 in a justice court against the Southern California railway. He bought a limited ticket and sought to use it after contract time. Full fare was collected by the conductor. The case has been appealed.

The mother of a 4-year-old Riverside girl reproved her for some misdeed, and shortly after, seeing her intently study-

ing the pages of a newspaper, asked what she was reading. "Oh, nothing," the child replied. "I'm just looking for an advertisement of another mother."

The board of public works of Los Angeles has recommended the petition of the Southern Pacific and property owners around the Arcade depot, to be granted, compelling hotel runners, hackmen, expressmen and such from plying their vocation within one block of that depot.

Here's a pointer to the man who wants to go from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Buy a ticket to Fresno, then stop off and buy ticket to San Francisco. By this means you can save one dollar and eighty cents in comparison with what it will cost you if you buy a through ticket.

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado will be invaded by the trolley, a line being proposed from Flagstaff to the very crest of the canyon. Thirty thousand horse power, supplied by several waterfalls, is available. At present a hundred-mile stage ride must be endured by canyon tourists.

The steamer Albion is back from the Mexican west coast. Mr. Sattley, the representative of the Los Angeles merchants who went down on the vessel, has arrived here and reports prospects for trade good, just as soon as the new steamer for the service now building in England reaches Ensenada.

A man buried in a Tempe, Arizona, cemetery, was recently removed to another. When taken out, the coffin fell apart, disclosing the fact that the head of the corpse had a luxuriant growth of hair, and the beard had grown until it reached the waist. When buried the old man was bald headed.

A deed of trust from the Santa Fe Pacific railroad to the Union Trust company of New York has been filed for record in Prescott, Ariz. The amount involves \$16,000,000 and includes lines belonging to the railroad company beginning at Albuquerque and extending to the Needles, together with the rolling stock and improvements.

The Lamanda Park and Sierra Madra electric railroad, which connects with the road running from Los Angeles to Pasadena, has decided to extend its line through Lamanda park and Sierra Madra along the foothills. A 500-horse power engine, costing \$40,000, will be purchased and new and enlarged dynamos placed in the system.

Judge Allen has decided the suit of Emil Deutsch and Henry Elms against the Southern Pacific company in favor of the plaintiffs. They bought land of the company and made partial payments. Later it developed that the company could not give title to the lands. Deutsch and Elms sued to recover what they had paid.

Old man Clark of San Diego, a scout of the Apache wars, is forming an expedition to avenge the death of Captain Porter and his shipmates, recently killed by the Cerig on Tiburon Island. A rapid fire gun and rifles and ammunition enough for a hot conflict is to be taken if the Mexican government grants the necessary permission and measures.

Redlands is boasting over the fact that the cheapest electric power in the United States will soon be available for large manufacturing industries there, and that, owing to the low cost of power at that point, Redlands being almost at the source of supply, the establishment of manufacturing industries will be justified there. It may be that before many years Redlands will become a sort of Pacific Coast Niagara Falls.

J. E. Gedney of Mesa Grande is in San Diego with a proposition to have the Cuyamaca railroad extended from a point near Lakeside to Ramona. The proposition is that a subsidy be raised, say of from \$1000 to \$2000 per mile, and offered to responsible contractors to go ahead and complete the road. Mr. Gedney is of the opinion that a subsidy of \$20,000 or \$30,000 could be raised from San Diego business men and residents who are interested in seeing a railroad pushed into the back country and toward the desert.

Five hundred men are rushing the work of the Southern California Power company in Santa Ana canyon. The big flume being constructed will have a capacity of 11,000 inches of water and the power developed will light Pasadena and operate the Los Angeles railway company's system of electric cars. Of the 18 tunnels the largest will be 2100 feet in length. Work on the power house at the foot of the falls has already been commenced. The line to Los Angeles will be eighty miles long, and the power supplied will consist of 33,000 volts.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Charles L. Fair, son of the late James G. Fair, has announced his retirement from the turf.

David Lubin is to be in Massachusetts to exploit his pet scheme for paying bounties on agricultural exports.

An Umpqua (Ore.) sportsman turned loose five pairs of wild turkeys on the headwaters of the Umpqua river the other day.

Cassius M. Jennings, a San Francisco attorney, has been disbarred for six months for unprofessional conduct, on complaint of Byron Waters.

The regents of the State University have decided on the appointment of Prof. Holden as director of the Lick Observatory at their next regular meeting.

The official statement of the sealing for the past season shows the practical collapse of the industry. The total product is only 30,000 skins from all sources.

A drill corps of 21 girls from the Santa Cruz high school has been on a vacation trip to San Francisco and intermediate towns, where their uniforms and practice drills caused a sensation. The purpose of their drill is to improve the health and carriage, which it is doing.

The farmers of San Joaquin county are taking considerable interest in the project to grow sugar beets on a portion of their land, and as the result of a meeting held to consider the matter 1000 acres have been promised for the cultivation of the beets, and H. J. Corcoran has agreed to obtain pledges of 1000 more.

The fish commission's steamer Albatross has arrived from Alaska, and Commander Moser says the Alaska salmon will disappear if there are not efforts made to restock the waters. This is recognized by the packers, and some of them are now maintaining private hatcheries to refill the streams. Last year the output of Alaska was 1,000,000 cases. This year there was a material falling off.

EASTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Arthur St. Annessy and Louise Charlotte Weberg were married in a lion's cage at the Boston Zoo.

Chinese coal miners are to take the place of the striking miners in the northern Illinois district.

Miss Jennie Lincoln, daughter of Robert T. Lincoln, was married to Warren Beckwith of Mt. Pleasant, Ia.

The governor of Florida has issued a call for a national fishery congress to be held at Tampa on the 16th of January next.

Buck Wakeman, alias Geogre Thorne, alias Red Buck, said to be the last of the famous Dalton gang of outlaws, has been killed near Checotah in a fight with two United States marshal's deputies. Wakeman was a partner of "Dynamite Dick."

The late election in Ohio will give the Republicans a majority of five on joint ballot, and therefore it is looked upon as almost certain that Mark Hanna will be elected Senator. It is reported that there is a scheme on foot between Democrats and Republicans to throw their votes to Governor Bushnell and thus defeat the great financial manager.

There are now over twenty-five states that have adopted amendments to their constitutions prohibiting a division of the common school fund and sectarian appropriations. A strong public sentiment is in favor of a proposed sixteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, prohibiting congress or states from making sectarian appropriations.

The family of George M. Pullman have taken precautions to prevent his remains being stolen from the tomb. His casket is encased in a lead-lined mahogany box, wrapped in tar paper and covered by an inch of asphalt. This is covered by three feet of concrete, and over this eight feet of steel rails are laid transversely. The rails are bolted and the grave walled in. Inside of all this lies the embalmed body. Scientists say that in time the body will be a mummy.

MINES AND MINING.

Owing to high local freight rates, the ores from the San Bernardino district all go to Pueblo for smelting.

A beautiful turquoise mine has just been opened on the desert by a syndicate, at the head of which is ex-Gov. Grant of Colorado.

The Garlock Cyanide company is running at full blast and the Miner is informed that the company has enough tailings in sight to run the plant for several months.

The contract for the smelter which Herbert Lang of Montana will build at Minneola, San Bernardino county, has been signed, and work will begin immediately. A large amount of ore has been contracted for.

The experiments with Thompson and Cusick's gold-saving appliance on sand in the Snake river country, in Idaho, near American Falls, have been successful. The machine in operation has a capacity of 500 cubic yards daily, and the sand runs about \$5.25 to the ton. The machine saves all the gold, not a color showing in sand that has been worked.

A placer miner out in the vicinity of Willow Creek, just west of Prescott, Arizona, a short distance, secured \$150 worth of gold and nuggets by a few days' work recently, says the Tucson star. Finds of this kind have been made periodically in that section during the past few years, although no systematic mining has been engaged in.

Away last spring there was quite a mining boom on the Ojal valley region; now the Santa Barbara Press says that the mining boom has struck Romero Canyon. Seventeen claims were filed with Recorder Rasey yesterday and they say there are more to follow. The claims are some ten or twelve miles back of Montecito and over the range. Assays are reported from some of the ledges ore which runs \$18 per ton. Good placers are also reported. This is not so high as the Goleta ore was reported, but there is no doubt that there is more gold in it, as the yellow metal has been known to exist in Romero canyon for the past half century.

A plan to revolutionize hydraulic mining in this State and to terminate the fight of years between mountain and valley has been evolved by J. A. Filcher and will be submitted, he states, to the proper authorities. He thinks that he has discovered a way by which the evil may not only be removed, but may be transformed into a boon for the owners of the lowlands of the Sacramento valley. The plan is to carry sediment of the mines in pipes down from the mountains to the tule lands, where it would be spread out over the country. The water, after depositing the sediment, would be turned back into the river.

A company has been incorporated for the purpose of working over the tailings of the Rose mine in Holcomb valley. The company is to be known as the Rose Cyanide company, and as its name suggests, the process of working over the tailings is to be by the cyanide plan. There are now on the dump of the Rose mine from 10,000 to 12,000 tons of old tailings that will go from \$5 to \$6 per ton, and the mill is said to be making tailings at the rate of 20 tons per day. These are easily worked by the cyanide process, and a plant is to be erected with a capacity of 50 tons daily, which will be ready to begin operations in about six weeks.

A mineralogist who thoroughly understands his profession, and is well acquainted with the product of the mines of the Mexican Sulphur company, in Lower California, the headquarters of which company are in Yuma, says the Sun of that city, informs us that the sulphur is a remarkably fine article of sulphate of aluminum. Reduced to a soluble solution and mixed with carbonate of soda, the aluminum will fall Al O₂, or aluminum oxide, ready to charge into the furnace and reduce by electrolysis to metallic aluminum, which sells for about 35 cents per pound. Many other chemical products are found in this sulphur, which might be profitably extracted, and the vast supply renders the establishment of a chemical manufactory not an unreasonable proposition, though so far as we know the owners of the mines do not contemplate such a thing.

The statement that by the use of improved machinery the owners of the Treadwell mine will be able to reduce the cost of milling ore to less than a dollar a ton ought to revive interest in this State and elsewhere on the Pacific slope in the development of low-grade

properties. Hundreds of mines were discovered and abandoned in the early days because the ore ran lower in value than \$10 or \$12 per ton. Many of these mines have since been worked by new processes at a cost of \$3 and \$3.50 per ton, anything below \$4 or \$5 in value not being looked upon as worth the handling. But \$1 or less for expenses opens vast possibilities, for millions of tons of \$2, \$3 and \$4 ore are "in sight," as the mining phrase goes, all over the auriferous belts of California, Oregon, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona and New Mexico. If these ores could be exploited the gold output of those States might be doubled. The uncertain question is whether the preliminary expense of putting in the necessary machinery would not stand in the way of most owners of such properties. It would be necessary, also, to secure electric motive power, though that ought not to be difficult where the watershed is so enormous and abrupt as it is here. But whatever the drawbacks might be to present owners, syndicates are in the field ready to take up any mining proposition that could be made to pay a fair return on the capital invested, and \$2 ore at \$1 expense answers that test very well. The advantage to owners who could not of themselves put in electric works and a reduction plant would be in their ability to sell a property that no one wanted before.—San Francisco Chronicle.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Ratification of the Hawaiian annexation treaty by the Senate is assured.

General Miles urges that Chicago's new federal building be fortified with Gatling guns.

Secretary Alger approves General Miles' estimates of sums needed for coast defense.

Ben Butterworth's condition is improving. His doctors now hope for his ultimate recovery.

Congress will be asked to appropriate \$500,000 to buy guns for the auxiliary cruisers in the navy.

It is believed that ex-Secretary of War Dan Lamont will become president of the Northern Pacific.

Secretary Bliss has issued an order prohibiting the removal of employees in the classified departments without due charges and proper hearing.

It is expected a treaty or convention between the United States, Russia and Japan will be formally signed carrying out the proposition for a suspension of pelagic sealing.

"Buckey" O'Neill of Prescott is trying to organize a Home Rule League, having for its object the passage by congress of a law providing for the election of Territorial officers by popular vote.

According to the treasury statement the per capita circulation of the United States is now normal, being \$22.76. The total circulation is now \$1,065,680,098. The available cash balance, \$217,351,067; gold reserve, \$146,435,023.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

Stock is being subscribed in London to lay a cable direct from London to the West Indies.

In the municipal by-elections at Berlin five Radicals and four Socialists have been elected.

Prince Bismarck is again troubled by the affection of the eyes from which he has suffered of recent years, but his condition is not such as to cause his friends or family special anxiety.

Mount Vesuvius is in great activity. A mass of lava is pouring out of the Arto del Cavallo crater, which opened in 1895. Two wide streams are flowing down in the direction of Vitrova and Hiano del Inestre.

The diet of the Greater Republic of Central America has refused to agree with the arguments put forward by Secretary Sherman in support of the appointment of Capt. William L. Merry, of San Francisco, as minister of the United States to Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Salvador, so long as this country only partially recognizes the diet.

The Papal nuncio at Madrid has been called to Rome by the Vatican and instructed to exhort the clergy and people of Spain to do their utmost to support the present dynasty. News has reached the Vatican that the situation in Spain is extremely grave. Carlist risings are imminent in the principal towns of Spain, and the Queen Regent is continually receiving menacing letters from the Carlists. Spain's situation is the subject of negotiations between the European cabinets.